HEERF II Student Aid Quarterly Report

Report regarding Grays Harbor College participation in Section 314(a)(1) of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) - Student Aid Portion to Public and Nonprofit Institutions for fiscal quarter three (October 1 – December 31, 2021).

1. Grays Harbor College (GHC) signed and returned a Certification & Agreement with the Department of Education to accept allocated funds for student aid. The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) established and funded the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) to provide emergency financial aid and grants. These critical funds will help eligible GHC students cover expenses related to any component of the student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

2. Grays Harbor College has received $651,697 from the Department of Education and HEERF II.

3. As of December 31, 2021 Grays Harbor College has distributed $623,906 of HEERF II.

4. Grays Harbor College estimates that 1,364 students at the institution are eligible to participate in programs under and thus eligible to receive emergency funds to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II).

5. As of December 31, 2021 Grays Harbor College has awarded HEERF II Aid to 1,375 students under Section 2003(a)(1) of HEERF II.

6. Grays Harbor College uses a tiered funding model to determine distribution of emergency student aid, with larger awards being distributed to students who have an expected family contribution (EFC) of less than $6,000 or students who receive a low-income tuition waiver for running start or transitions. Student must also have been enrolled at some point during the applicable academic quarter.

7. No instructions about student aid award notifications were emailed to eligible students as no additional HEERF funds were issued during the fourth quarter October 1 – December 31 of 2021.

8. Explanatory note of why no expenditures during the fourth quarter of 2021: College was involved in the implementation of a single, centralized system of online student and administrative functions, replacing database reporting tools from the early 1980s. This college-wide conversion required a shutdown of financial services from late October to early December which impacted the College’s ability to distribute HEERF II funds.